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### Trophy Fishing Photo Leads to Wildlife Charges

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On April 30th 2011, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) Conservation Officer Micah Evans contacted an individual fishing at Panguitch Lake. The male subject produced an expired combination license. He was cited for the violation.

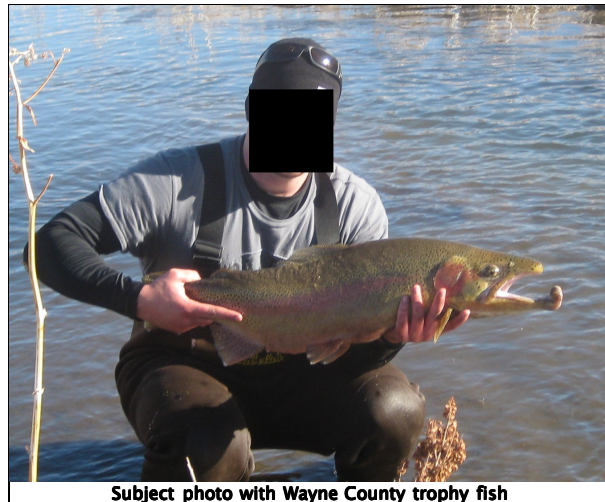
Subsequent investigation showed that the individual was currently on hunting license suspension for his role in the illegal killing of a trophy deer and vandalism of a UDWR trailer in 2004. Both crimes were committed by the subject, after he was issued a citation by a UDWR officer for spotlighting with a weapon in possession.

A review of UDWR licensing records showed that the individual had illegally purchased a combination license and applied for a bonus point for big game during the suspension period in violation of the suspension order.

Additionally, officers determined that the subject illegally captured a trophy rainbow trout in Wayne County without a valid license, resulting in a charge for Wanton Destruction of Protected Wildlife.

Ultimately, the individual was issued a citations for Wanton Destruction of Protected Wildlife-No license in Wayne County, a citation for Unlawful Purchase of a License and bonus point in Iron County and is facing a charge of Fishing Without a Valid License in Garfield County.

In addition, he now faces the potential doubling of the original suspension period if found guilty of the illegal license purchase violations.



Subject photo with Wayne County trophy fish

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